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Preliminary Amendment

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 7-10 are added herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A computer system, comprising a neural network or plurality thereof trained for diagnosing endometriosis.

2. (Original) A method for diagnosing endometriosis in a subject, comprising:

querying and examining the patient to assess the answers to at least three of the following questions:

past history of endometriosis, number of births, dysmenorrhea, age, pelvic pain, history of pelvic surgery, smoking and if yes, the number of packs/day, medication history, number of pregnancies, number of abortions, abnormal PAP smear/dysplasia, pregnancy hyperplasia, genital warts and diabetes; and

based upon the results of the answers determining whether the patient has endometriosis.

- 3. (Original) A computer system, comprising a neural network or plurality thereof trained for assessing the risk of delivery within a selected time period, wherein the time period is within seven or fourteen days of performing a biochemical test to measure fetal fibronectin in a sample from a pregnant subject or the time period is prior to thirty five weeks of gestation.
- 4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the time period is within seven days of performing a biochemical test to measure fetal fibronectin.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the time period is within fourteen days of performing a biochemical test to measure fetal fibronectin.
- 6. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the time period is prior to thirty five weeks of gestation.
 - 7. (New) A decision support system trained for diagnosing endometriosis.
 - 8. (New) The decision support system of claim 7 that comprises a neural network.
 - 9. (New) A computer readable medium, comprising the decision support system of claim 7.
 - 10. (New) A computer readable medium, comprising the neural network of claim 8.